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First Steps Eligibility Criteria

Legal Requirement

Indicator

Documentation

NOTE: Basis for legal requirement may be found in DESE *Requirements for Implementation*.

Documentation

Forms Review

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Documentation is present verifying

Eligibility determination
documentation

Newborn Conditions (Condition diagnosed at birth or 30 days post birth)

- Very low birth weight AND one or more of the following conditions:

- ---Apgar of 6 or less at 5 minutes
- ---Intracranial bleeds (Grade II, III, or IV)
- ---Ventilator dependent for 72 hours or more
- ---Asphyxiation

303.300; SP (I)(A)

OR

100100Eligibility determination
documentation

(Neonatal/Infant/Toddler Conditions)

Documentation is present that the child exhibits:

303.1300; SP (I)(A)(2)(a)

- ---genetic conditions known to be associated with mental retardation or developmental disabilities (i.e. Down Syndrome, Prader Willi)
- OR
- ---additional conditions known to be associated with mental retardation or developmental disabilities (i.e. Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy)

NOTE: For further examples of genetic and other conditions associated with mental retardation or developmental disabilities see Part C State Plan Section I 2.(b).

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100200 Other diagnosed conditions 303.300; SP (I)(A)(2)(b)	Documentation is present that the child exhibits a condition known to be associated with mental retardation or developmental disabilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • --- Diagnosis is based upon informed clinical opinion by Board Certified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ---neonatologists ○ ---pediatricians ○ ---geneticists ○ ---pediatric neurologists • ---Physician's documentation must include the specific condition and the potential impact of the condition in one or more of the five (5) developmental areas. 	Eligibility determination documentation
OR		
100300 Developmental Delay 303.300; SP (I)(B)	Documentation is present that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child is functioning at half the developmental level that would be expected for a child developing within normal limits and of equal age • Delay identified in one or more of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ---cognitive development • ---communication development • ---physical development (including vision and hearing) • ---social or emotional development <p>NOTE: For infants born prematurely, the adjusted chronological age should be assigned for a period of up to 12 months or longer if recommended by the child's physician.</p>	Eligibility determination documentation